

## **Approve Sweeper Purchase**

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### **Background/Issue:**

The current street sweeper, an 2001 Elgin on a Sterling chassis, is worn out and in need of replacement. With the adoption of the CIP this year the funding for a replacement was approved. It is anticipated that this purchase would be funded over 5 years (including the current FY) with revenues from the Storm Water fee.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

We have looked at sweeper truck combinations and options. We are recommending the purchase of an Elgin Vacuum Sweeper on a Freightliner Chassis from Public Works Equipment and Supply of Monroe NC. This purchase would be a piggy-back purchase on the National Joint Purchasing Alliance bid in the amount of \$236,863. The NJPA is a nationwide governmental purchasing organization, and its use is approved by NC statutes.

As a point of information, we looked at a Johnston Vacuum Sweeper, again on a Freightliner Chassis, and with options, piggy-backing on a City of Asheville contract the cost was \$249,915. This would have been through Carolina Industrial Equipment of Charlotte NC.

We do not feel that formal bidding on our own would generate any better pricing than these bigger contracts.

Delivery time for the sweeper would be from 150-175 days.

### **Financial Impact:**

First year financing has already been approved in the Board-adopted CIP. The Finance Department would need to arrange long term financing closer to the delivery date. It is estimated that the annual payments will be approx. \$50,600 for four (4) additional years. Payments would come from the Storm Water Fee revenues.

### **Related Town Goal:**

Operational Performance- To plan, allocate resources and operate all departments effectively in order to meet citizens' needs for local government services.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Motion to approve purchase of Elgin Sweeper from Public Works Equipment and Supply, Monroe NC in the amount of \$236,963, with first year financing from the adopted CIP budget and direct the Finance Officer to arrange for long term financing for the balance, financing contract to be brought back to the Board at a future meeting for approval.